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Dear Applicant

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)**

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 11 April 2024 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

**Your Request**

Please could you provide the following information under the FOIA 2000:

- 1) The amount spent by the ICB on the following companies for the period 1 January 2021 to 31st December 2022 and the number of cataract operations purchased from these same companies during this period.
  - Spamedica Ltd
  - Optegra UK Ltd
  - Anglia Eye Care Service Ltd
- 2) The amount spent by the ICB on the following company for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 and the number of cataract operations purchased from this company during this period.
  - Community Health and Eye Care Ltd (CHEC)
- 3) The amount spent by the ICB on the following company (or any of its subsidiaries) for the period 1 March 2022 to 28 February 2023 and the number of cataract operations purchased from this company or any of its subsidiaries during this period.

- Newmedica Systems Ltd (Newmedica)

To clarify my request, I am asking for a) total expenditure by the ICB on the companies b) total cataract operations activity commissioned from the companies.

I note that this data is required to be published by the ICB under its transparency requirements and so there should be no issues regarding commercial confidentiality.

## Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB does hold the information you have requested.

Based on data returns submitted to the ICB and predecessor CCGs for the periods requested, the following is the total commissioned cataract activity, and overall total spend for the providers listed.

### 1. Cataract activity and amount spent 1 January 2021 to 31st December 2022:

SpaMedica Ltd	Cataract Activity	13,631
	Overall Spend £	£15,161,405
Optegra UK Ltd	Cataract Activity	2,648
	Overall Spend £	£2,411,652
Anglia Eye Care Service Ltd	Cataract Activity	-
	Overall Spend £	-

### 2. Cataract activity and amount spent 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Community Health and Eye Care Ltd (CHEC)	Cataract Activity	12
	Overall Spend £	£17,538

### 3. Cataract activity and amount spent 1 March 2022 to 28 February 2023:

Newmedica Systems Ltd (Newmedica)	Cataract Activity	6,031
	Overall Spend £	£6,188,872

In accordance with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS ICB website <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, you should write to the Senior Governance Manager using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome your review, you do have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Any information we provide following your request under the Freedom of Information Act will not confer an automatic right for you to re-use that information, for example to publish it. If you wish to re-use the information that we provide and you do not specify this in your initial application for information then you must make a further request for its re-use as per the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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